

# WASHINGTON PREDICTS LOWER SOFT COAL PRICE

**THE WEATHER.**  
FOR INDIANA—Partly cloudy today and Wednesday; probable showers in north portion; warmer in southeast portion tonight; cooler in north portion Wednesday.

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HAMMOND, INDIANA

### PLAN CONSTRUCTION OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT

#### E. CHICAGO IS TAKING THE LEAD

#### Proposed Sewage Disposal Plant Latest Step Toward Better Water.

Taking the lead among cities of northern Indiana in a campaign for better drinking water the city of East Chicago is now engaged in making plans for the immediate construction of a sewage disposal plant which will effectually, as far as East Chicago's sewage is concerned, free the water of Lake Michigan from contamination and provide the city with a healthy water supply. This sewage disposal system combined with the filtration plant which is practically ready for operation will give East Chicago one of the most complete water purification plants in the entire country.

Although a plant for partial treatment of sewage is now an assured fact the East Chicago officials are reluctant to go ahead with plans for complete treatment until they are assured that the water supply will not be contaminated by the sewage from the other municipalities in the region. Gary has been considering the erection of a sewage disposal plant but Hammond and Whiting have as yet taken no steps to treat their sewage.

Pearse and Greeley, Chicago engineers, have been employed by the city of East Chicago and have been at work for the past three months investigating the needs of the city. A preliminary report was submitted yesterday at the meeting of the board of works and a more complete report will be submitted two weeks later. This report will cover the specifications for both the activated sludge system which is now being installed at Milwaukee and the sedimentation system with either the Imhoff or Dorr tanks and with or without sand filtering.

Both systems which East Chicago now has under consideration are in operation in other cities in different parts of the country and according to reports vary but little in results which are accomplished. The activated sludge system costs perhaps a little less to construct but requires greater expense than the other for operation. When plans are completed bids will be asked for both systems and the board will then decide which of the systems will better suit the needs of the community.

The present plans of the city call for the erection of a sewage disposal plant at either end of the city and a third small one at the Mark subdivision. The Alder street sewer pumping station is already in good condition to be made a part of such a sewage disposal plant but the Magoun avenue station will require repairs and the Magoun avenue sewer repiping. The Magoun avenue sewer also will require repairs with or without a disposal plant and the first work in preparing for sewage disposal will probably be in that direction.

The decision to treat the sewage of East Chicago is not only of interest to citizens of East Chicago but to those of other municipalities in the region as well. When East Chicago has treated the sewage in such a manner as to cease contaminating the water of the lake they will be in a position to demand that the other cities of the region also treat their sewage. When this is done, doctors assert, will the cities of the Calumet region have a water supply free from the deadly typhoid germs which at the present time are taking so many lives annually in the district.

#### JURORS DRAWN FOR CRIMINAL COURT

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)  
CROWN POINT, Ind., Oct. 12.—The jury commissioners have issued the following venire to serve in the criminal court at Crown Point.

Frank J. Wachewicz, Hammond.  
Carl D. Norris, East Chicago.  
Murray Bailey, Lowell.  
Wm. Kreiter, Crown Point.  
Joseph Baird, Leroy.  
F. A. Peterson, Crown Point.  
Walter Carlson, Crown Point.  
Thomas Turner, Hobart.  
Sandy Brown, Crown Point.  
G. B. Van Black, Gary.  
Beaumont Parks, Whiting.  
H. A. Bloeding, Crown Point.

The drawing of Mr. Wachewicz's name is probably in error, due to the fact that he is a property owner in Lake county. Mr. Wachewicz is a resident on State Line street, West Hammond, Ill.

#### ST. LOUIS CAR PLANT BURNS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 12.—Loss estimated at \$1,000,000 was caused by a fire which destroyed the plant of the St. Louis Car Company early this morning. The fire started in the mill-works and within a few minutes spread over the entire plant covering 6 acres of land.

#### BODY IN RIVER

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 12.—The body of Earl Cougle, 34 years old, was found at the bottom of the Schuylkill river, some distance below Norristown and professional divers are at work today searching for it, according to a statement made today by Maj. Lynn G. Adams, superintendent of the police.

#### BALDWIN TELLS OF WELFARE WORK

#### Candidates for Governor Failed to Appear Before Convention

Many who attended the afternoon session of the W. C. T. U. convention yesterday were disappointed when neither of the four candidates for governor appeared to speak as had been scheduled. An interesting session had been expected and the audience was eager to hear the expressions of the four men on the subjects of interest to the new women voters.

When this point in the program was reached the gap was bridged by several other important matters which had arisen and no explanation was given as to the non-appearance of the candidates.

**MONDAY AFTERNOON**  
A bit of business was forced on the convention because of the impossibility of Mrs. Lucella McWhirter, serving as president the coming year. Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley was elected president. Mrs. Ida Mix of Kokomo, vice president; Mrs. Kiger was chosen to fill the vacancy in state. L. T. L. department made by Mrs. Mix.

At this point Miss Anna Gordon was introduced to the convention. She greeted the crowd with a pleasant "Howdy-do."

A jubilee demonstration followed by the counties of Indiana that have gone over the top in the public drive for a million dollars.

Miss Anna Gordon told white ribbons to the little folks, who became white ribbon records. Miss Gordon voiced the prayer for these little ones.

Mr. Bird Baldwin of Iowa State university next addressed the convention on the subject, "Child Welfare."

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#### PEOPLES 6TH AND NEWEST BLDG. LOAN

The Peoples Building, Loan & Savings association, is Hammond's sixth and newest organization to come with the growth and expansion of the city. Although still waiting for some of its stationary and forms to be supplied by the state authorities in order to proceed with business, the original capital stock of \$100,000 has been subscribed, and application has been made for an additional issue of \$300,000 worth of stock.

The founders are Judge Joseph G. Bach, who helped to found the first building and loan association in Hammond, 25 years ago; Attorney J. K. Stinson, who has been identified with the older organizations in Hammond; David Pomeroy and Harold E. Throop, partners in a real estate office at 606 Oakley avenue, where the Peoples will have its home office; J. Edward Burns and Theodore Sullivan, well known and successful State street businessmen; Yens Anderson and William J. Clemmer, railroad employees, and Fred F. Chandler of the Lion store. These men constitute the board of directors for the first year and will elect their officers at the first regular meeting. Mr. Chandler is the secretary. The charter has already been issued.

The Peoples is organized along the old and well tried building and loan association plan at 25 cents a share and to mature in six years. The nine-year plan is also available. Unlike some of the older associations the Peoples does not issue its shares at stated periods. In other words new subscriptions will be accepted at anytime. Loans will be made at 8 per cent on 60 per cent of values fixed by appraisers, and already there has been a large demand for the funds.

Wednesday night is the regular business night, but payments may be made any day from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m.

#### Rev. Rist To Succeed Dr. Bassett

The Rev. Benjamin J. Rist, of Indianapolis, who will succeed Dr. T. J. Bassett as pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church in Hammond, is expected to arrive here Friday.

Dr. Rist was the pastor of St. Paul's M. E. church one of the prominent congregations of the state capital. He is recognized in the state as a successful churchman, and well qualified for the difficult field to which he has been assigned. In his Indianapolis pastorate he will be succeeded by the Rev. Hovis of Monticello, formerly of East Chicago. The Rev. Bassett will have charge of the Monticello congregation.

The Rev. Rist will occupy the Herbert apartment on Hohman street on Friday this week, taking the same one which the Rev. Bassett vacates on Thursday this week.

#### SIMON TO GREET COX AT LAFAYETTE

Edward Simon, democratic chairman, tenth district, expects to be in Lafayette this evening for the big Cox meeting. He will probably be accompanied by other active party workers from this county.

#### Did You Hear That

HAMMOND boasts a cousin of Gov. Cox in the person of Dr. Frank P. Cox, 1161 Moraine ave., who practices in Indiana Harbor.

THOMAS YEAST, a rising young man of East Hammond, faced Judge Klotz for speeding this morning and paid \$15 into the city coffers.

SUGGESTION to advertisers—Hand lettered sign in alley between Sibley and Fayette streets, reads: "Bird cage for sale, 50c. A Bargain."

DOC. SALISBURY and Mack Poland of Crown Point played forty-seven holes on the Olympic Fields course Sunday and finally had to desist because of darkness.

DEMOCRATIC headquarters in the Hotel Mee are now open at all hours of the day. A clerk is on the job all the time mailing out a list of literature to Hammond citizens.

PEOPLE on Lewis st. are still trying to dope out who it was who emitted the frantic calls for help early Monday morning. No bloodstains or foot prints were found when daylight came.

GEORGE H. DE HORITY, a young man with a vote-getting handshake and smile, was in Hammond yesterday in the interests of his candidacy for state treasurer on the democratic ticket.

AND while other people dream of the fruit they will buy next year, Chief Augustin continues to pick a quart of strawberries every other day from his patch of ever-bearing plants in his back yard.

IF everything goes right the new pavilion in Harrison park will be erected in time to afford shelter for skaters this winter. Difficulty was had by the Board of Works in getting anyone to take the contract.

FOR about the twentieth time in a week the fire department was held up by a freight train at noon today. This time it was an Erie train at the Fayette st. crossing which blocked the ladders several minutes.

ATTY. JOE TODD bought a shotgun yesterday. "Someone has been monkeying around my house several nights," says Joe, "and they're going to find a dead man strewn along Lyons st. one of these mornings."

A sneak thief made a poor haul last night when he broke into the office of Attorney Fred Barnett. He carried away a small savings bank which had about \$3 in it—probably some child's contribution to the judge's campaign fund.

CHIEF WILLIAM NIELL of the fire department found a white tag fluttering from the wheel of his fiery red trail-blazer the other day, but he stood on his "constitutional rights" as he thought to park his machine wherever he thought necessary.

SAID a downstate W. C. T. U. delegate: "I've heard so much about Hammond ever since Virginia Brooks was here and my husband was worried when he heard I was coming here, but I find it isn't such a terrible place after all. In fact, I like Hammond."

JAKE KUFERBERG of Chicago stopped in Hammond long enough last night to allow a thief to steal a suit case from his automobile as it was standing in front of the Minus store. It contained toys, a mouth organ and some clothing valued in all at \$12.

MAYOR BROWN broke a precedent when he delivered the address of welcome at the W. C. T. U. convention the other night. For forty-seven years the women have been meeting in various cities of the state and never before had a mayor responded to the invitation to address them.

WABASH College fans have secured one hundred tickets for next Saturday's Wabash-Chicago football game at Stag field in Chicago and have placed them on sale at Monnet's Smoke Room. Fritz Ebert and Bernard Gavitt are pushing the sales and expect to get a hundred Hammond people to the game.

RESTAURANTEURS say the W. C. T. U. women were good customers. "They are not like a bunch of women who came here several years ago," said one proprietor. "Those women would bring their lunches into my place and simply use the table. Why one of them actually asked me to toast her bread for her for nothing."

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER CHARLES SURPRISE received a card from Atty. A. M. Stein of Gary who has been in Europe stating that he is leaving for the United States and is bringing with him six relatives as prospective citizens. He promises to give some interesting information regarding immigration laws when he returns. The card was mailed from Trieste, Austria, on September 25th.

JAMES J. KELLY claims that the oldest joke is one about the preacher who was calling at a house when the small son of the family came home from school with his clothes muddy and a black eye. The preacher was horrified and gave the boy a lecture on the sin of fighting. Then the preacher said to the boy's mother: "I will now pray for your son!" "Huh," said the boy, "You had better pray for your own son."

ONE of the sights of the town—the Hooser Limited holding the State street, Monon crossing, a down auto and a street car waiting patiently and quietly for it to pass on, and one small boy on a bicycle blowing his horn in a horrendous noise in an effort to get the amused brakeman to "break" the train de-lux.

#### LAFAYETTE IS COX INDIANA STOP TODAY

#### Democratic Candidate Coming From Illinois Plans to Hammer Away on Article Ten.

By HARRY L. ROGERS  
(STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE)  
ENROUTE WITH GOV. COX.  
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Oct. 12.—After spending four hours on a sliding in the railroad yards here, Gov. James M. Cox left early this morning for Peoria where he is scheduled to make the first important speech of the day.

The governor's special train came up from St. Louis immediately following his speech before a 3,000 persons at the Coliseum there last night, but remained parked in the yards here from 2:30 a. m. until 7:15 a. m.

In his speech at Peoria, Gov. Cox planned to lay particular stress upon Article X of the league of nations covenant. This provision, the governor holds, does not threaten the sovereignty of the U. S. in the least and is merely an international guarantee that larger nations will keep off the "grass" as regards their weaker neighbors.

The governor believes the word "advise" as employed in Article X means that the council of the league will take into consideration all conditions entering into any such international agreement and then make recommendations as to what steps should be taken to punish the offender. The word "preserve," as used in the same article, Gov. Cox is convinced, does not of necessity imply that force would be used by the league in preventing aggression. He argues that such a requirement as the breaking off of diplomatic relations would in many instances be sufficient to bring any recalcitrant nation to terms and believes that the commercial embargo which the league covenant provides shall be placed upon any transgressing member would make the use of force unnecessary.

Enroute to Peoria, Gov. Cox will make a number of brief rear platform speeches and from Peoria he will go to Effner, Reynolds and Lafayette, Ind., where he speaks tonight. Tomorrow he returns to Columbus.

#### Sen. Harding Opens New Tour Today

BY GEORGE R. HOLMES  
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
MARION, O., Oct. 12.—Senator Warren G. Harding will leave Marion today for a speaking campaign through four doubtful states, which both democrats and republicans deem vital to success three weeks from today—Indiana, Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee.

These states are claimed alike by republicans and democrats and Senator Harding's invasion of them is considered by his managers as probably his most important trip of the campaign.

Senator Harding is making the swing not only in his own behalf, but also in the interests of a republican senate next term. In two of these states, Indiana and Missouri, the republicans have warm fights to re-elect republican senators, James E. Watson and Selden P. Spencer.

In Kentucky they are hopeful of defeating the democratic incumbent, Senator J. W. Beckham, and thus add to the narrow majority of two votes which they now have in that body.

Final decision on the Eastern invasion probably will be made at a conference of republican campaign heads in New York today and tomorrow.

Senator Harding is personally opposed to making any more trips. There are, however, insistent calls from Eastern states, notably New York and in the end he may have to yield to the wishes of his managers.

Senator Harding's special will leave Marion at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon, reaching Cincinnati about 5 p. m. and Chattanooga, where he will make the first speech of the trip, early Wednesday morning. From there he will go to Louisville and Indianapolis, winding up in St. Louis on Saturday night.

#### JUDGE ANDERSON COMING TUESDAY

Judge Anderson of the federal court will be in Hammond next Tuesday, October 19th, for the October term of court, but because of the small volume of business now on hand will have no jury called. He will hear several arguments on demurrers, motions, etc., and will settle the issues of cases for jury trial at the April session.

The amount of business for the October term of court will be lessened also because of the law which prohibits the final hearing of any applications for second papers within thirty days of election. All petitions for naturalization papers are now being turned down and the applicants are told to return after election. Already there are more than fifty petitions for second papers which will have to go over until the April term because of election.

#### PLAN AID FOR COTTON GROWERS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Declaring that farmers throughout the entire nation and cotton planters in particular, are facing one of the most desperate situations in the history of the country, representatives of farmers organizations gathered in conference here today, decided to ask Wilson to call a special meeting of the cabinet to discuss a way out of their dilemma.

SERG. BOB CRAMER is advertising for two men to enlist for permanent recruiting duty at Hammond.

#### INTERURBAN ABANDONED; NEW WAY TO FINANCE

For ten years Hammond business men have dreamed of an extension of its street railway lines to Blue Island, Ryer and Dolton by which connections could be made to many other nearby industrial towns on the Illinois side of the state line.

The last hope of such a development is now abandoned. The Chicago and Eastern Illinois Traction Company, incorporated as a subsidiary of the Chicago City and Connecting Railways, for the purpose of building this line, has surrendered its charter and liquidated its assets.

The last act of the now defunct corporation was the sale, through the agency of Woods, Martin & Company, of the southwest corner of Sibley and State Line streets to John J. Brohm.

This corner was purchased to enable the street car company to cross State

Line street on Sibley street without making a right angle turn.

An interesting feature of the deal is the development of facts to show that the prospects for street railway extensions are very far removed.

An official of the company stated that in his opinion all extensions in outlying territory in the future will be made in the same manner as street improvements.

The cost of such extensions will be assessed against the benefited territory and will be returned to these assessed only when such extension can be shown to be profitable.

This is a matter of great interest to communities such as Hammond, East Chicago and Gary, the rapid growth of which makes the extension of transportation lines a matter of continuous agitation.

#### "Scrambled Wives" for Hammond Rotarians

Someone reported today that the members of the Hammond Rotary club had "Scrambled Wives" for dinner last night.

Well, let's pull up a chair and get this thing straight. There is enough misinformation abroad without this twisted bit of news befogging us needlessly.

The Hammond Rotary club as every one knows is made up of a bunch of fellows who make some of the big wheels go around in this city. They stage it once a week at a luncheon, but yesterday, and here is where the straight of the report begins, they had their wives as their guests, that is, all except Henry Conkey. He has none.

The members and their wives, 47 in all gathered at the Hammond Country club, from where after a group picture had been taken, they motored to Jacob's Chicago restaurant on Forty-Seventh street, for a dinner. It was here the social spirit of the real rotarian manifested itself with song and story and wit and quip until it was time to leave for the downtown, where reserved seats were held at the Playhouse for the farce comedy, entitled "Scrambled Wives."

It was more than a name for the Hammond contingent for every rotarian had another rotarian's wife at his side, the nicely paired tickets having been "scrambled" in a hat at Jacob's and each one drawing a new ticket and incidentally a new partner. (The party of course was a huge success.)

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#### FREE EVENING SCHOOLS OPEN NEXT MONDAY

The vocational department of the Hammond city schools will open the 1920-21 course of free evening school classes beginning October 18. An advertisement in this paper gives a list of the subjects for which there is expected to be a demand and for which instructors are already being engaged.

The vocational department has been greatly extended during the last year, and the work centralized at the Central school building where classes are being held in trade subjects for the benefit of 150 high school pupils, and over 200 part-time pupils. Most of the classes in evening school will be held at this building instead of at the Industrial high school, as being more convenient for those who wish to attend.

All enrollments for the beginning course will be taken at the Central school building, across from the Court House, on Friday and Saturday of this week, but pupils may enroll at any time later if these evenings are not conveniently located for those who wish to attend.

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#### MIDDLE-MAN IS TO BE REGULATED

#### Franklin County Now Selling Around \$12 With Shortage Unrelieved.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Lower prices on "soft" coal should prevail throughout the east and middle west before winter begins, as a result of measures put into effect against the speculative element among coal jobbers by the department of justice and the interstate commerce commission, officials of these government agencies predicted today.

Well, what about coal?

According to estimates today by John J. Brehm, secretary-treasurer of the Hammond, West Hammond Coal Dealers Association this territory is only half supplied, with so little coal in fifty per cent of the basements, that a week's cold snap would find half of the people freezing and going to neighbors for comfort.

"In the first place," said Mr. Brehm, "if the consuming public even wanted to stock up right now, it could not do so, as there is not a yard now as far as I know that could do more than answer emergency cases. To say that half of the homes are supplied for the winter is putting it conservatively."

"The summer long agitation for reduction in prices along all lines, the more recent cut in some of the necessities and luxuries, and the very recent statements in the press regarding official investigation of coal prices, have all had a tendency to put the buying public in a waiting attitude. The situation today could not be changed quickly."

"What about the cost, taking Franklin county as a standard?" Mr. Brehm was asked.

Retailers in normal times can buy coal either under contract or in the open market. Just at present and for a long time it has been impossible for dealers to buy under contract. The result is they must go into the open market, where we have to pay from \$7.50 to \$8.00 per ton including freight and war tax which amounts to \$2.13 per ton, or an average cost of \$10 to the dealer. Under the circumstances the price to the consumer is twelve dollars and thirty cents. The cost of the coal is \$7.50 to \$8.00, which would make a profit of \$4.50 to \$5.00.

Combining the estimates of Mr. Brehm with an estimate of about 3500 homes still to be supplied with an average of 12 tons per home for the winter, there are needed over one hundred thousand tons of coal or twenty-five hundred carloads, which would make a train of coal cars about 23 miles long.

#### GAS CO. FILES TWO PETITIONS

Two petitions have been filed with the Indiana Public Service Commission by the Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Co. The Hammond company asks permission to extend the time of payment of principal of the first mortgage five per cent gold bonds of the South Bend Fuel & Gas Co., which would be payable on November 1, 1920, to November 1, 1925.

The other petition is to purchase the property and plants, business and franchises of the General Service Co., and to purchase the property and plants, business and franchises of the Indiana Light & Gas Co., and to issue \$5,000,000 of bonds.

The commission has set the hearing on these petitions for Saturday, October 16, in the commission rooms at Indianapolis.

Grand Jury to Probe Killings

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)  
CROWN POINT, Ind., Oct. 12.—The grand jury was called for Monday in the criminal court to return indictments against several Gary and East Chicago murderers who are now under arrest at the county jail. Those who will serve are:

Walter L. Allman, Crown Point.  
Alex Boyd, Merrillville.  
Peter W. Meyn, Hammond.  
William Stummel, Hobart.  
Clarence Stummel, Gary.  
George P. Gurnin, Gary.

The last session of the grand jury was in July and since then several murders and misdemeanors have been committed in various parts of the county and it is against these that true bills will be returned.

#### NO SUPPORT FOUND FOR JAPAN'S CLAIMS

BY NEWTON C. PARKE  
(STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE)  
PARIS, Oct. 12.—A careful canvass of diplomats indicated today that Japan will suffer a humiliating defeat if she attempts to force through a racial equality resolution at the first meeting of the assembly of the league of nations at Geneva.

Inquiry by the International News Service among the diplomats of the powers invited to attend the meeting shows that there will be a clear majority against Japan if an effort is made to settle the immigration problem in favor of the Pacific empire.

What is more significant not a representative of any power will admit, either publicly or privately that his country will support Japan.

See Brown's sale on another page.  
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